

REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claim 9 is noted with thanks.

Accordingly, claim 9 is rewritten herewith in independent form as new claim 20.

In thus rewriting claim 9, careful attention was paid to the formal objections expressed in the Official Action, all of which are believed to be corrected in rewritten claim 9.

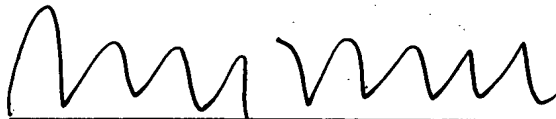
As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with a claim previously indicated to be allowable, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss the prior art at this time.

Passage to issue is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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